

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Elisabetta CARREA *et al.*

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 22 August 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, and the fee therefor, is filed concurrently herewith.

**Allowable Subject Matters**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication at pages 1 and 3 of the Office Action that the subject matters of Claims 8 and 27 are free of the prior art.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

At page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 20-22, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as reciting subject matters that are allegedly identically disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3851467, issued to Sherman *et al.* ("Sherman"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of these rejections.

Applicant has, in papers previously filed in this application, discussed some aspects of the subject matters described in this application. Applicant will therefore not further burden the record with a redundant summary, and merely incorporates by reference those prior discussions.